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Burglaries Lead Crime Stat Increase On the Hill

By Michael Mattis

The total number of major criminal offenses reported to police by Potrero Hill residents rose last year from 2,440 in 1994 to 2,663 in 1995, an increase of nine percent, according to San Francisco Police Department statistics.

The figures reverse a two year downward trend in reports for the Hill. Between 1992 and 1994 reports had fallen from a high of 2,800 total offenses to 2,440.

The rise was led by residential burglaries, reports of which nearly doubled from 92 in 1994 to 181 in 1995. Areas hardest hit by burglaries were Potrero Terrace and Annex, the area around the Potrero Hill Recreation Center, and the adjacent area immediately to the west, between De Haro, 23rd and 20th Streets.

Reports of other crimes, however, including homicides and auto thefts, showed marginal declines on the Hill as a whole.

Captain Sylvia Harper, who took command of Potrero Station in February, said she couldn't pin down a specific cause for last year's upswing in reported offenses. But she noted that for Potrero Station's District C — which covers a wide area between China Basin to Visitacion Valley and includes the Hill — reports fell 14 percent overall in the first five months of this year compared to the same period in 1995. Homicide, robbery, and burglaries fell significantly, Harper said, while rape and auto boosting (theft of goods from a parked car) were up.

"It's sad, but you have to be alert and cognizant of your surroundings at all times," Harper warned.

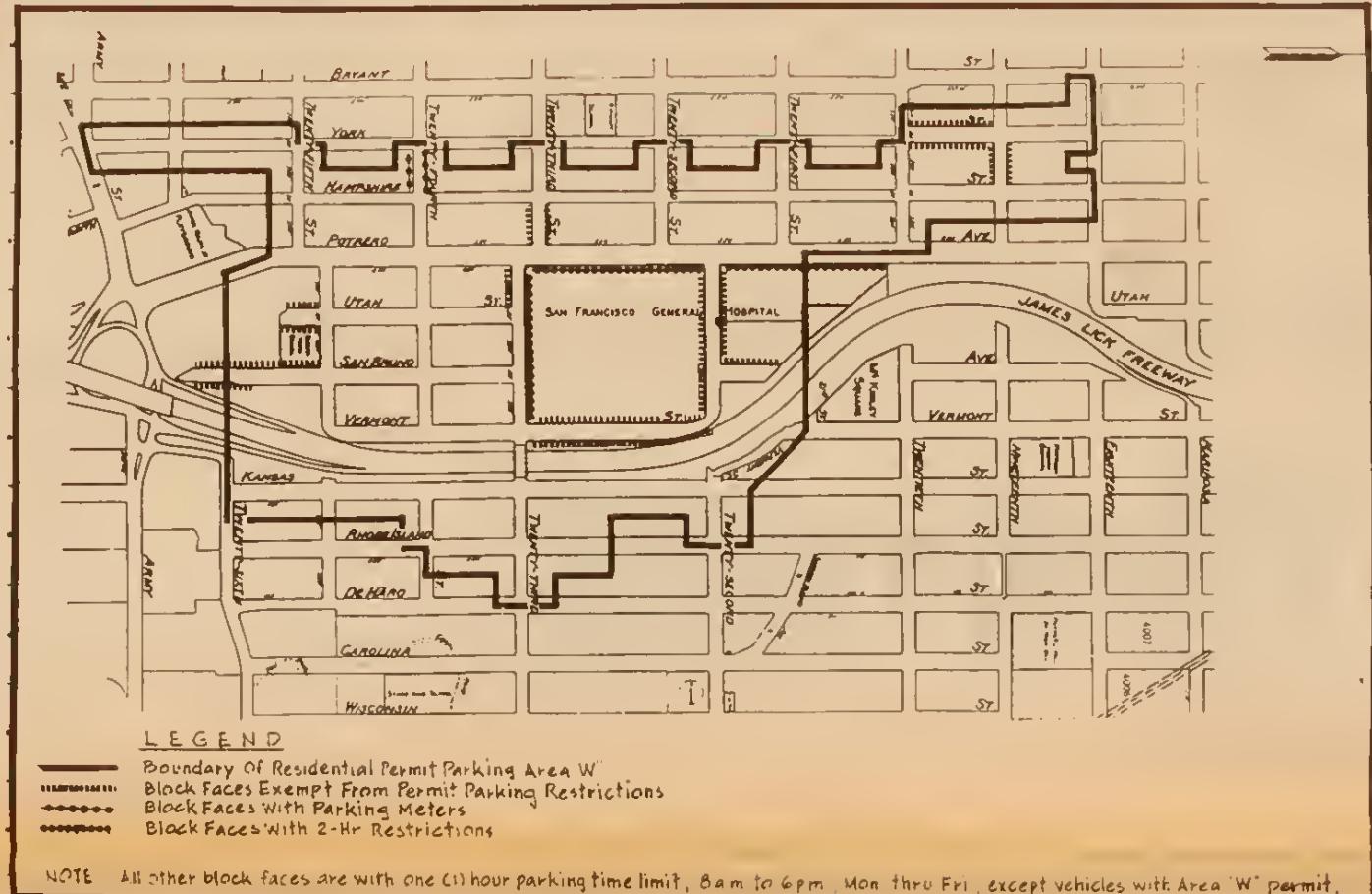
August 1 Target Date for SFGH Garage Opening, Residential Permit Parking Plan Implementation

By Vas Arnautoff

Final legislative approval of parking rates for the new San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH) parking garage, the opening of the facility and the establishment of a Residential Permit Parking (RPP) zone around SFGH appeared imminent at Potrero View press time. A hospital spokesperson spoke of an August 1 target date.

The three linked developments are the culmination of a process begun two years ago when SFGH announced plans to construct a garage on the block bounded by 23rd, 24th, San Bruno and Utah Streets.

At one of a series of public meetings hosted by SFGH to discuss the plans and



Permit Parking Area "W" which will be implemented upon the opening of the new San Francisco General Hospital parking garage. Residents within the heavy boundaries will be receiving application forms for unlimited parking in most areas. Exceptions are noted on the chart. Target date for implementation is August 1. (See story below)

The statistics are based on police "cable plot" reports of major offenses for 1995. Each of the city's six police districts is subdivided into cable plots, each between about four and six square blocks.

Plot numbers 299 through 317 comprise Potrero Hill, bordered by 16th Street in the north, 25th Street in the south, the James Lick Freeway and San Francisco Bay.

Major offenses include homicide, rape, strong-arm robbery (a street robbery involving the threat or action of physical violence), other robbery, (any other robbery), aggravated assault, simple assault (an assault is considered "aggravated" or "simple" depending on the degree of injury done to the victim), residential burglary (as of a house or apart-

ment), other burglary (as from a boat, tool shed, storage space or mobile home etc. — any theft from inside a shelter with four walls and roof not designated a residence or automobile), theft over \$400, and "other reports," which can include anything from such nuisance crimes as graffiti or smashed windows all the way up to felonies such as arson. (Definitions provided by Captain Tim Hettrick of the SFPD Planning Department.)

Cable plot reports are compiled quarterly and are available at the New Main Library Government Publications Department. The figures given on page four are year-end figures for 1995. Cable plots are redrawn periodically. The last such redrawing was done in 1991.

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the parking problems in the area, the notion of establishing a permit parking zone around the facility was broached. The suggestion was made in response to the complaints of residents about the parking crisis around the hospital.

The residents' view of the situation was supported by a city Dept. of Parking and Traffic study, which revealed that of the 3,085 vehicles parked during business hours in an area roughly bounded by Carolina, 20th, Alabama and 25th Streets, only 26 percent were registered to residents of the study area.

Citing a need for corrective action, a group of concerned residents canvassed the neighborhood and gathered the required number of signatures on petitions requesting DPT to establish an RPP zone

around SFGH.

Under the RPP program, which is now in effect in 22 areas of San Francisco with 90,000 participants, streets are posted with time limit signs, and only residents of those streets who purchase permits are exempt from the parking restrictions. The fee is \$21 per vehicle per year.

At the meetings sponsored by SFGH, which drew up to 100 citizens, opponents of the plan raised arguments that ranged from a simple lack of confidence that the system would improve matters to charges that it was a City plot to extort money from the citizenry.

However, DPT representatives at the meetings stressed that "the RPP program is never imposed. It must be requested

by residents." In addition, it was pointed out that citizens are not required to purchase permits and groups could petition to be excluded from the program.

The current and final RPP zone, designated Area W, was drawn up by DPT's Division of Traffic Engineering after at least three tentative configurations were raised and withdrawn. Within the prescribed area, except for designated streets (sec plan), there will be a one-hour parking time limit from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Vehicles with Area W permits are exempt from the limits.

Residents of the zone will be receiving application forms for permits soon, according to DPT.

GETTING INVOLVED

ROSES (Residents of the Southeast Sector) normally meets the first Thursday of each month with members of the San Francisco Police Department, to discuss issues of public concern. This month, because of the July 4 holiday, they will meet on Tuesday, July 2, when they will participate in a workshop on community policing and problem solving. Meetings take place at 7 p.m., in the Community Facility, 1800 Oakdale at Phelps.

Potrero Hill Parents Association plans no special activities this month. For info re on-going children's activities call the PHIPA hotline: 241-8820.

Potrero Hill Health Center Advisory Board meets the second Monday of the month (July 15) from 6-7 p.m. Meetings, held at the Center at 1050 Wisconsin St., are open to the public. Discussion continues on coping with dwindling funds in times of increasing needs. All are invited.

Potrero Hill Democratic Club meets the second Tuesday of each month (July 9). Guest speakers will be Police Captain Sylvain Harper and the Assistant District Attorney assigned to the Potrero Hill area. Meetings are held at the Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro St., at 7:00 p.m.

Starr King Park Board meets the second Wednesday of each month (July 10) in the Potrero Hill Library meeting room at 1616-20th St., at 7 p.m. A monthly clean-up party meets on the third Saturday (July 20) in the Park, behind Starr King School. All are welcome.

Potrero Hill Hoosiers and Merchants meet the last Tuesday of the month (July 29) at 7:30 p.m. This month, a special joint meeting with the Northeast Mission Business Association will be held at the Potrero Center/Bryant, Alabama and 16th Streets, (SPCA building).

PLAN (Potrero League of Active Neighbors) meets the third Wednesday of each month (July 17), 7:30 p.m. The public meetings are held in the Jackson Playground at 18th and Mariposa Streets. For details call Elizabeth at 826-6359.



Hot Police Chase

Editor:

Once again the police have injured a citizen of our city by showing a wanton disregard for safety of the people they are here to protect. On May 8, at 6:40, at the corner of Dellaro and 20th Streets on Potrero Hill, a police car hit a vehicle while in high speed pursuit.

The police, **without the aid of lights or siren**, ran the stop sign and broad-sided a vehicle, causing serious bodily harm to the driver. Were the police chasing a drug dealer? A murderer? A rapist? No! They went after the motor-

cyclist because he had run a stop sign. The police claim that they tried to operate their siren but it malfunctioned.

Well, without a siren they should not have blown through the stop sign at such a high rate of speed. This is against SFPD regulations. Not only did they lose the suspect, but their negligence caused a car to be totaled and an innocent driver to be seriously injured. The police must follow the rules for the safety of all!

Susan Bigler
Potrero Hill Resident

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MY HILL

I was born
here
on this Hill
on this rock
with this cry:

this Hill is my Hill
just as it was my parents' Hill
just as it will be my children's Hill

and so I yelled
a newborn scream joining the cacophony
my fellow Hillians and I

I opened all my Christmases here
in my house
on this Hill

the smell of yuletide and acrid wrapping paper
mama up late doing Santa's job
while daddy ate Santa's cookies and drank his milk
'cuz daddy don't Do presents

daddy - Hillian that he is - taught me to ride my bike
on this Hill

before they paved it over
you could still see where I fell
and cried
euz the handle bar was pushing in my chest
I was trapped
and so I yelled
for my mama - Hillian that she is
she saved me

on my Hill
on this rock

I stand upon this rock
with my fellow Hillians
we need this rock
to hold our homes where we return to do homework and the dishes
every night

we need this rock
to hold our families while we watch football and while we make
lunches
in the morning

we need this rock
as our bastion and fortress
to hold the foundation of our budding future and our flowering
dreams

and so I sleep here
on this Hill
on this rock
with this dream:
this Hill is my Hill
just as it was my parents' Hill
just as it will be my children's Hill

Hillian that I am, I claim the View

so they can eat latkes and watch football
with clothes on their backs
a roof over their heads
and a rock beneath their feet

this rock
this Hill
my Hill

— ADI FRANKS

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SETTING GOALS FOR SUMMER READING

During the first week of the library's summer reading program, "Reach for the World," 62 children have signed up to participate.

The program offers children through age 13 an opportunity to win prizes for reading eight books or more between now and August 10. The biggest prize, of course, is acquiring a lifelong love of reading and libraries, and some of the skills required to actually "reach for the world."

Should Potrero set a goal of enrolling 120 children in the program this summer? If you agree, we would be delighted to make a thermometer chart to track how we're doing. Let us know what you think.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Infant-Toddler Lapsits are every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Pre-school Story Times are every Thursday at 4 p.m. There will be two showings of the film, "The Ugly Duckling," on Wednesday, July 3 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Working parents who would like to be able to bring their children to a Saturday afternoon or Tuesday evening story time, please let us know what time would suit you.

PAPER AIRPLANE PROGRAM

If, in spite or because of the ValuJet disaster, you and the child in your life retain an interest in aerodynamics, be sure to put the library's "How to Make Paper Airplanes" program on your calendar. On Saturday, July 20, at 4 p.m., John Collins will be on hand to demonstrate this ever-popular craft.

JULY MAG PICK

What, you don't have my favorite magazine anymore? If we don't, July's the time to sing out and let us know. We order based somewhat on popularity, but also aim to have a broad selection available. Right now, there are lots of arts, literary and interview-type periodicals, a few business and political magazines, and a range of topical titles. Please give us your suggestions. If you would like the library to subscribe to a particular magazine that we cannot afford, you can make a Magabucks donation and a selection to go with it.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We would like to express our appreciation to the Parkview Heights Homeowners Association for their support in the form of a cash donation to the Children's Room. Their donation will be used along with a donation from Anchor Brewing Company to upgrade the furnishings there.

Thanks also to those of you who have come in or stopped us on the street to comment on the piece I wrote that appeared in the June 12 San Francisco Examiner entitled "Corporations Invade New Main Library and Branches." Your laudatory comments and support for the right of your librarian to be a pro-active part of the community — a citizen librarian — are most heartening.

Those who might welcome an evening program on the subject of First Amendment rights and the Library should let us know. We invite suggestions for presenters and topics of a wide variety — intellectual freedom being the cornerstone of the free, public library after all.

CONDOLENCES

We extend heartfelt condolences to staff page Lisa Franks and her family on the loss of her mother, and our library patron, Nina Gershater, who passed away on May 19.

STAFF CHANGES

Staff member Julio Medina, who has been away on disability leave, is now well enough to resume his librarian responsibilities. Fortunately for the Excelsior branch, he will be working there. Unfortunately for us, Julio cannot return to Potrero because it has no lavatory facilities on the first floor at this time. As we await the appointment of a full-time adult reference librarian at Potrero, Patrick Shea, a floating librarian, has been regularly staffing our adult reference desk three days a week for the past six months or more. Please feel free to address any reference or Interlibrary Loan queries to Patrick on the days that he is here.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER

Coming Attractions: Books on Order and Books on Order for Children are regular features here each month. However, given the \$2.6 million in library branch budget cuts, remaining book selection lists have been cancelled until further notice. We will continue listing books that the branch leases. Here are some items from the final selection list:

* Pelecanos, George P. "The Big Blowdown." Set in Washington, D.C. in the 1930s-50s, this novel traces a group of boyhood friends as they make their way in the richly detailed Creek and Italian neighborhoods of the city.

* Beatty, Paul. "The White Boy Shuffle." A kaleidoscopic literary situation comedy about one unusual African-American's search for identity within a wickedly caricatured American cultural and ethnic landscape. Beatty has a sharp ear.

* Saylor, Steven. "A Murder on the Appian Way." Turmoil strikes Rome in A.D. 52 in this stand-out novel. Gordianus is put in the delicate position of having to solve a crime and keep his own counsel amid the duplicitous rulers of Rome. Political thriller that brings readers up to speed on Roman history.

* Yeager, Dorian. "Ovation by Death." NYC actress/would-be sleuth, Victoria Bowering, finds murder while doing summer stock in Maine. Readers will enjoy delightful turn of phrases and dead-on descriptions of summer stock life.

* McGarrity, Michael. "Tularosa." Few first mysteries are as fresh and powerful as this rich southwestern tale of tough credible characters involved in a complex, danger-fraught plot centering around stolen historical artifacts.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER FOR TEENS

* Cadnum, Michael. "Zero at the Bone"
 * Feintuch, David. "Midshipman's Hope"
 * Pascal, Francine. "What Your Parents Don't Know"
 * Marsden, John. "Tomorrow When the War Began"
 * Groening, Matt. "Binky's Guide to Love"
 * Groening, Matt. "Simpsons Comics Extravaganza"
 * Legal Rights and Options for Runaway Teen," published by Legal Services for Children, San Francisco.

Toba Singer
 Potrero Branch Librarian

TEN YEARS AGO

In The View

STADIUM OPPOSITION GOES CITYWIDE:

So stated the Page One headline. The View went on to say that as the San Francisco Giants were making a serious bid for the pennant and 1986 attendance at Candlestick Park had already exceeded the previous year's figures by a quarter of a million fans, opposition to a proposed new stadium at Seventh and Townsend Streets "was quickly spreading from Potrero Hill throughout the city and to a number of offices in City Hall." Among groups voicing opposition were the S.F. Coalition of Neighborhoods and San Francisco Planning and Urban Research (SPUR).

BIG HATE MAIL BLITZ:

Hill residents were greeted Monday morning, June 16, with pamphlets placed on their windshields and in their mailboxes from a neo-Nazi group, White American Resistance (WAR). The flyers, which caricatured Jews, African Americans and Hispanics, claimed minorities were threatening jobs and homes. Angry Hill residents called the news media in protest. A member of the SFPD Intelligence Unit stated WAR's "method of expressing themselves is a sign of cowardice. The reaction to be appalled is healthy, but don't overreact."

HILL MURAL INSPIRES CONTROVERSY:

Despite growing support for a proposed mural on the Connecticut Street wall of a building at the southeast corner of 17th Street, a number of opponents continued to wage a campaign to nix the project. The mural, by artists Nicole Emanuel and Brooke Fancher, had been approved by the S.F. Art Commission and the Mayor's Office of Community Development. Opponents claimed that murals attract graffiti and "don't belong on Potrero anyhow," and that they "are not in keeping with the character of our neighborhood." The artists stressed that "the purpose of the outdoor murals is to stimulate the community process, beautify the area, and connect art to the public and to everyday life."

SNAG IN SYNANON SITE DEVELOPMENT:

"Grosvenor Development Corp., the proposed developer of the old paint factory — then Synanon — site at 23rd and Kansas Streets, claimed it could not submit a bid that was within budget and still meet the priorities of the neighborhood. This raised fears that the site, which had been vacant since 1979, would remain an eyesore for years to come. Tim Johnson, an aid to then-Assemblyman Art Agnos, told Hill residents, "We should hold out for what we want, even if we have to wait several more years."

THIS AND THAT:

Eddie Lanzarin, winner of Potrero Hill's 8K "Scenic Scamper" in 1985, shaved almost six seconds off his record in winning the 1986 benefit run . . . Audiences at Daniel Webster and Starr King Elementary School graduation exercises were greeted by fifth graders in English, Samoan, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Indian, Arabic, Tagalog, Cambodian and Laotian . . . "Boomer!" by Hill playwright Geoff Hoyle was ending its run at the Eureka Theatre . . . A mural/sculpture commemorating the maritime strike of 1934 that ushered in a new era in Pacific Coast maritime labor relations was to be unveiled at Steuart and Mission Streets July 3 . . . Whoopi Goldberg was expected to appear on 18th St. later in July where shots for her new movie "Burger" were to be made . . . The S.F. Business and Professional Women honored three Hill women at their annual luncheon in June: Cassandra Brown received a scholarship to S.F. State; Karen Jean Pierce, then-president of the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House Board of Directors, received the Community Service Award; and Blanche Theobom was honored for her work as a judge in the Vocal Arts Contest . . . The Goats, Potrero View's softball entry in the Media League, ended the first half of the season tied for first in their division and second in the league . . . The Hyena Cabaret was seeking "writers, actors, dancers, musicians, and puppeteers for neo-primitive satiric October performance."

AND 20 YEARS AGO:

Residents reported vast frustration in trying to get the Bay Area Pollution Control Board to do something about "the horrible fumes that seem to be emanating from the Glidden Paint Company buildings on Seventh Street, just off 16th."

— Vas Arnautoff



Potrero Hill Neighborhood House

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Enola D. Maxwell, Executive Director

ON-GOING MEETINGS:

Al-Anon . . .	Thursdays, 6:30 pm
Alcoholics Anonymous . . .	Sun/Mon/Thurs, 8:30 pm
Girls/Boys Club . . .	Mondays, 4:00 pm
Narcotics Anonymous . . .	Wednesdays, 8:00 pm
Omega Boys Club . . .	Tuesdays, 7:30 pm
Overeaters Anonymous . . .	Thursdays, 7:15 pm

FACILITIES:

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 Bulletin board with employment and event listings
 Gymnasium and recreational space
 Meeting spaces available for use by community groups
 Mini-park

ACTIVITIES & SERVICES:

- After School/Summer Youth Activities
- Arts and Crafts
- Food Distribution
- Gang Prevention
- Girls/Boys Club
- Graffiti Paint Out
- Juvenile Probation
- Home Supervision
- Peer Counseling
- MET Theatre Ensemble
- Senior Nutrition Program
- Social Development Center
- Tutoring Program
- Youth Employment
- MYEEP/SYETP
- Job Readiness
- ZAP Project (substance abuse day treatment for adolescents)

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Major Crime Stats On the Hill

The statistics below are based on 1995 Police Cable Plot Reports

299- 16th/De Haro/
18th/101
Homicide: 0
Rape: 0
Strong Arm Robbery: 2
Other Robbery: 2
Aggravated Assault: 5
Assault: 4

Resident Burglary: 4
Other Burglary: 8
Theft Over \$400: 14
Auto Theft: 17
Other Theft: 25
Other Reports: 39
Total Reports: 120

301- 16th/Arkansas/
18th/De Haro
Homicide: 0
Rape: 0
Strong Arm Robbery: 3
Other Robbery: 0
Aggravated Assault: 4
Assault: 7

Resident Burglary: 0
Other Burglary: 4
Theft Over \$400: 14
Auto Theft: 8
Other Theft: 13
Total Reports: 74

302- 16th/I-280/
Mariposa/Arkansas
Homicide: 0
Rape: 3
Strong Arm Robbery: 0
Other Robbery: 2
Aggravated Assault: 6
Assault: 6

Resident Burglary: 1
Other Burglary: 3
Theft Over \$400: 17
Auto Theft: 11
Other Theft: 17
Other Reports: 43
Total Reports: 109

303- 16th/3rd/
20th/I-280
Homicide: 0
Rape: 0
Strong Arm Robbery: 3
Other Robbery: 0
Aggravated Assault: 1
Assault: 2

Resident Burglary: 0
Other Burglary: 1
Theft Over \$400: 13
Auto Theft: 11
Other Theft: 9
Other Reports: 21
Total Reports: 99

305- 18th/De Haro/
20th/101
Homicide: 0
Rape: 0
Strong Arm Robbery: 4
Other Robbery: 2
Aggravated Assault: 4
Assault: 4

Resident Burglary: 6
Other Burglary: 0
Theft Over \$400: 14
Auto Theft: 10
Other Theft: 14
Other Reports: 40
Total Reports: 98

306- 18th/Arkansas/
20th/De Haro
Homicide: 0
Rape: 0
Strong Arm Robbery: 6
Other Robbery: 2
Aggravated Assault: 2
Assault: 13

Resident Burglary: 9
Other Burglary: 4
Theft Over \$400: 7
Auto Theft: 7
Other Theft: 8
Other Reports: 36
Total Reports: 94

307- Mariposa/Texas/
20th/Arkansas
Homicide: 0
Rape: 0
Strong Arm Robbery: 3
Other Robbery: 5
Aggravated Assault: 2
Assault: 3

Resident Burglary: 2
Other Burglary: 6
Theft Over \$400: 8
Auto Theft: 18
Other Theft: 28
Other Reports: 38
Total Reports: 113

308- Mariposa/I-280/
20th/Texas
Homicide: 0
Rape: 0
Strong Arm Robbery: 1
Other Robbery: 0
Aggravated Assault: 1
Assault: 3

Resident Burglary: 4
Other Burglary: 2
Theft Over \$400: 11
Auto Theft: 9
Other Theft: 8
Other Reports: 35
Total Reports: 74

309- 19th/3rd/
22nd/I-280
Homicide: 0
Rape: 0
Strong Arm Robbery: 1
Other Robbery: 0
Aggravated Assault: 2
Assault: 7

Resident Burglary: 19
Other Burglary: 2
Theft Over \$400: 36
Auto Theft: 36
Other Theft: 41
Other Reports: 74
Total Reports: 232

310- 20th/De Haro/
23rd/101
Homicide: 0
Rape: 1
Strong Arm Robbery: 2
Other Robbery: 2
Aggravated Assault: 0
Assault: 0

Resident Burglary: 12
Other Burglary: 1
Theft Over \$400: 9
Auto Theft: 21
Other Theft: 17
Other Reports: 29
Total Reports: 99

311- 20th/Arkansas/
23rd/De Haro
Homicide: 1
Rape: 0
Strong Arm Robbery: 5
Other Robbery: 11
Aggravated Assault: 3
Assault: 7

Resident Burglary: 22
Other Burglary: 8
Theft Over \$400: 11
Auto Theft: 34
Other Theft: 26
Other Reports: 67
Total Reports: 195

312- 20th/I-280/22nd/Texas/
Sierra/Missouri/22nd
Homicide: 0
Rape: 0
Strong Arm Robbery: 2
Other Robbery: 8
Aggravated Assault: 3
Assault: 1

Resident Burglary: 8
Other Burglary: 2
Theft Over \$400: 10
Auto Theft: 21
Other Theft: 12
Other Reports: 43
Total Reports: 110

313- 22nd/Missouri/Sierra/
Texas/22nd/Iowa/23rd/
Turner Terrace/23rd/Arkansas
Homicide: 0
Rape: 1
Strong Arm Robbery: 10
Other Robbery: 5
Aggravated Assault: 20
Assault: 18

Resident Burglary: 35
Other Burglary: 3
Auto Theft: 13
Other Theft: 8
Other Reports: 114
Total Reports: 231

314- 22nd/3rd/25th/I-280
Homicide: 0
Rape: 0
Strong Arm Robbery: 1
Other Robbery: 0
Aggravated Assault: 2
Assault: 5

Resident Burglary: 1
Other Burglary: 5
Theft Over \$400: 7
Auto Theft: 15
Other Theft: 9
Other Reports: 97
Total Reports: 142

316- 23rd/Wisconsin/Cesar
Chavez/101
Homicide: 1
Rape: 0
Strong Arm Robbery: 10
Aggravated Assault: 2
Assault: 7

Resident Burglary: 19
Other Burglary: 2
Theft Over \$400: 36
Auto Theft: 36
Other Theft: 41
Other Reports: 74
Total Reports: 232

317- Potrero Annex & Terrace
Homicide: 1
Rape: 3
Strong Arm Robbery: 13
Other Robbery: 8
Aggravated Assault: 41
Assault: 40

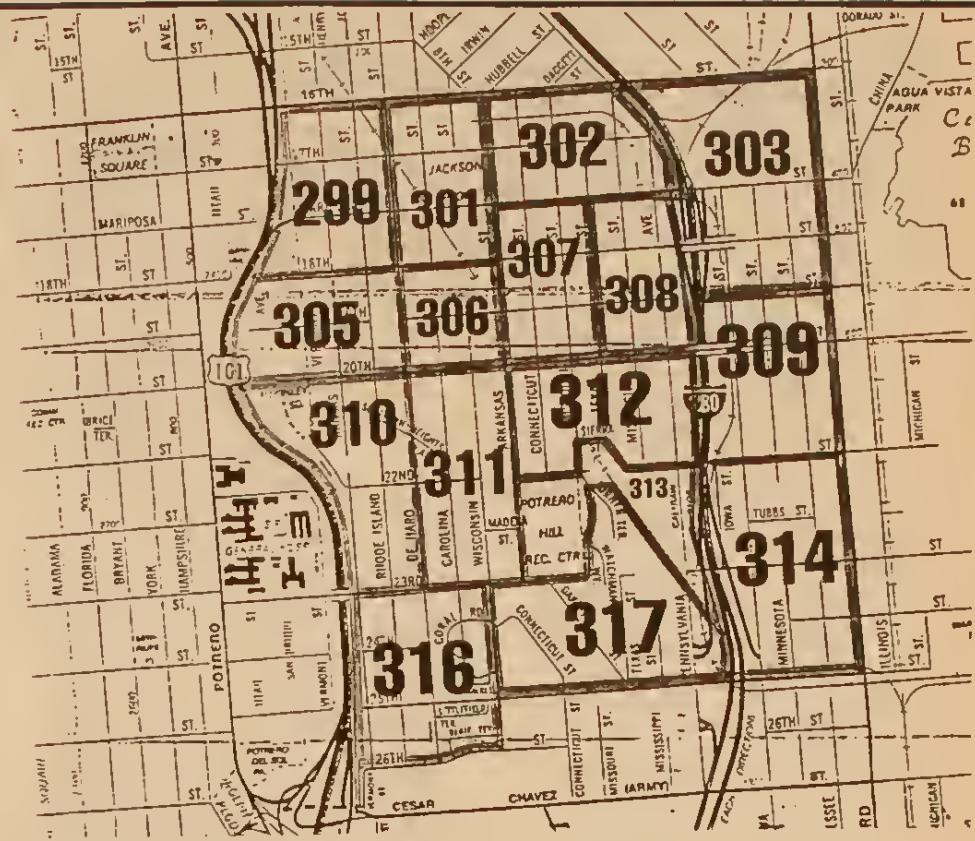
Residential Burglary: 52
Other Burglary: 10
Theft Over \$400: 7
Auto Theft: 32
Other Theft: 20
Other Reports: 273
Total Reports: 500

320- Potrero Terrace (Below 25th)
Homicide: 0
Rape: 0
Strong Arm Robbery: 2
Other Robbery: 0
Aggravated Assault: 0
Assault: 4

Resident Burglary: 0
Other Burglary: 2
Theft Over \$400: 7
Auto Theft: 9
Other Theft: 8
Other Reports: 73
Total Reports: 105

Plots Showing Highest Rates in Each Category Plot Number (Number of Incidents)

Homicide: 311/316/317 (1 each)
Rape: 302 (3)/317 (3)
Strong Arm Robbery: 317 (13)/313 (10)
Other Robbery: 311 (11)
Aggravated Assault: 317 (41)/313 (20)
Assault: 317 (40)/313 (20)
Residential Burglary: 317 (52)/313 (35)
Other Burglary: 317 (10)
Theft Over \$400: 316 (36)
Auto Theft: 316 (36)/311 (34)/317 (32)
Other Theft: 316 (41)/304 (29)
Other Reports: 317 (273)
Total Reports: 317 (500)



Starr King School Faces Complete Staff Turnover

By Michael Joe

Starr King Elementary School, last year targeted by the San Francisco Unified School District as one of nine schools "needing help," will undergo the district's radical and controversial school reform program — called reconstitution — this summer, despite strong opposition by many of the school's parents.

Under reconstitution, faculty, staff and administrators — from the principal to maintenance staff — are reassigned and replaced by all new personnel to improve performance in the district's poorest performing schools.

Candidates for reconstitution come from within the Comprehensive School Improvement Program, a reform program that distinguishes schools "needing help" and provides them with the opportunity for additional resources and support.

After an evaluation of all nine Comprehensive School Improvement Program (CSIP) schools, three schools — Starr King, Aptos Middle and Balboa High — were chosen by the Board for reconstitution for the 1996-97 school year.

Evaluations are based on a range of criteria, from student test scores and writing samples to on-site visits and a review of school programs.

The Board of Education, by a 4-2 decision, with one member absent, voted to reconstitute Starr King at a May 28 meeting, despite efforts by parents and teachers to persuade the Board otherwise.

Teachers, told to pack up and move out as soon as the school year ended, were questioning the Board's decision and reconstitution as a reform method, said Madaline Liu, a kindergarten teacher at Starr King for 18 years.

"I'm very unhappy with reconstitution. I don't think it will help the school," she said. "If they said there were low test scores, they should have helped me. They should have provided (smaller) class size and more teachers (last year as a CSIP school)."

"The parents were not for it at all," said Ethel Porchia, 47, the parent liaison and a special education instructor's aid at the school. "The kids are the ones who are losing. Those kids need someone they can talk to. Test scores mean nothing when they are not comfortable."

Since 1994, nine schools, including three this year, all in the southeast sector of the District, will have been reconstituted.

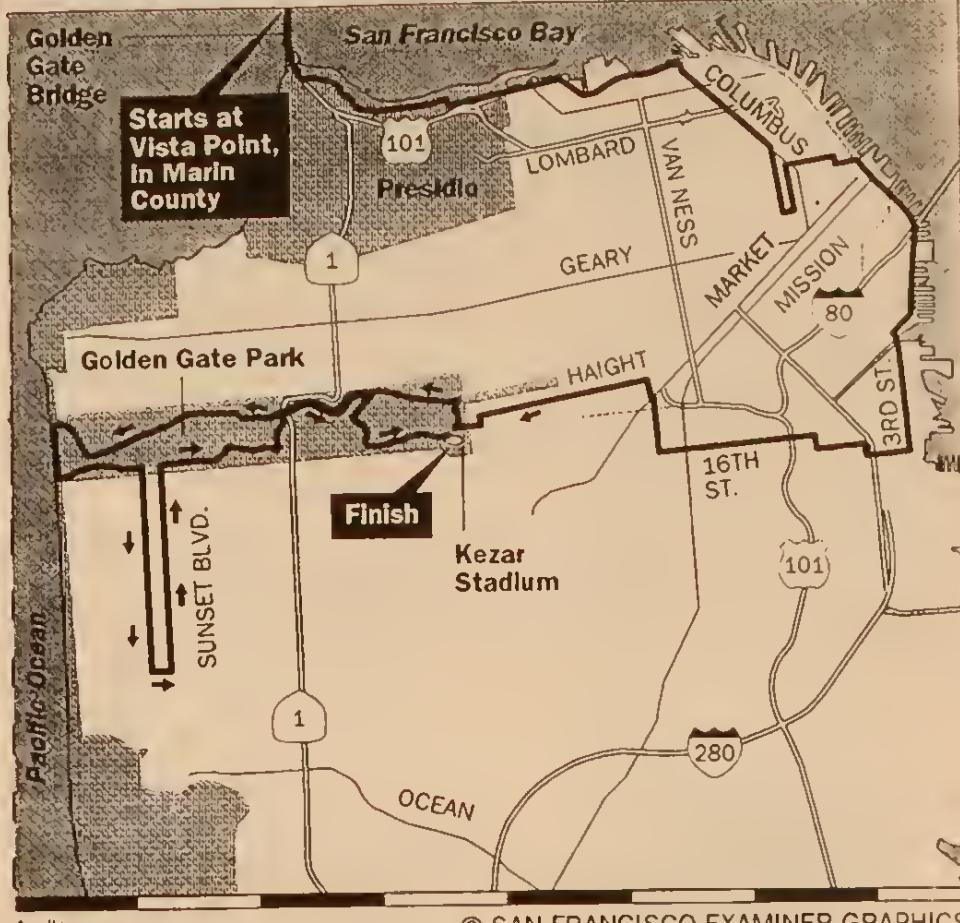
Leland Yee, the Board's senior member who, in past years has voted in favor of reconstitution, this year voted against it.

"I don't believe there is sufficient evidence to support that reconstitution helps students," he said. "Reconstitution hurts the morale (of teachers). That's why I think we should look at other ways. If there are programs not working, let's identify them and replace them."

The new principal, Freeman Tinnin, who has 14 years of elementary experience in Sacramento, will be working closely with the school district's Human Resources department to hire new faculty and implement new programs.

But Gail Kaufman, the School District's Director of Communications and Public Relations, said Starr King's school community will be "surprised" at how many teachers will return next school year.

Former principal Thomas Alexander politely declined to comment for this article.



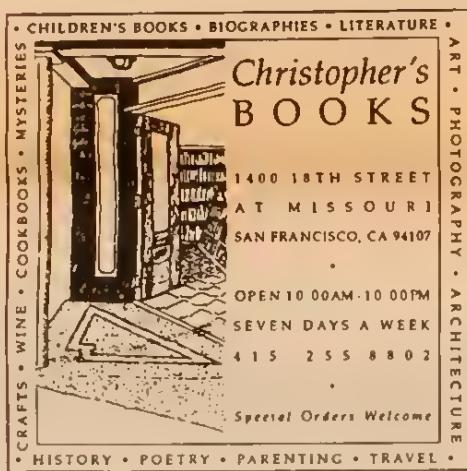
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Marathon to Close Hill Streets

The annual San Francisco Marathon July 14 begins the run at the Golden Gate Bridge, runs through North Beach, then along the Embarcadero, down Third Street through parts of Potrero Hill and winds through the Mission and Haight Districts before it finishes in Golden Gate Park. (See above)

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affect Potrero Hill at Mariposa Street between Third and Mississippi Streets will close from 8:35-10:20 a.m., and 17th Street between Mississippi and De Haro Streets will close between 8:40-10:25 a.m. Sixteenth Street between De Haro and Guerrero Streets will be closed from 8:45-10:30 a.m.

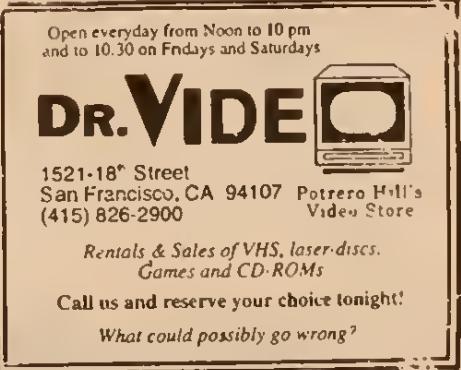


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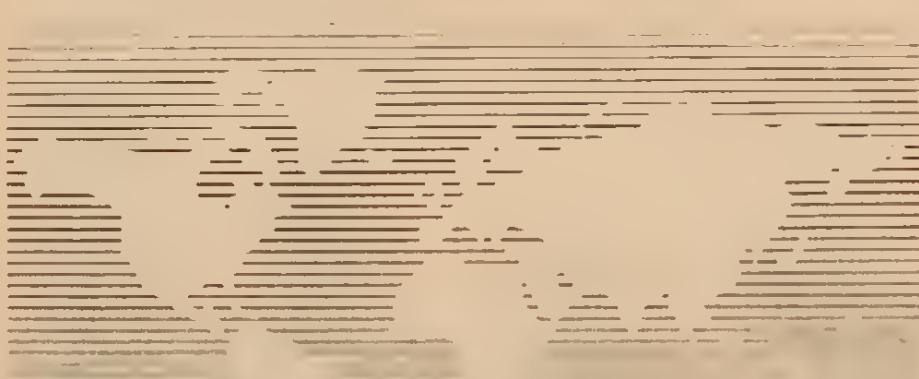
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Two local businesses are welcoming summer to the Hill by hosting benefits for the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House in July.

The first, a July 4 barbecue takes place at the Connecticut Yankee, 100 Connecticut St., beginning at 2 p.m.

This Second Annual "Beantown Barbecue Benefit" will feature giveaways, "celebrity" bartenders and chefs. Restaurant management and employees will donate their services for the event, and all proceeds will be turned over to the Neighborhood House. For more information call 552-4440.

The second fundraiser, a car wash, is sponsored by World Gym/Snowplace Square on Saturday, July 20.

Youngsters who participate in programs at the Nabe, as well as members of the staff, will wash cars in front of the World Gym facility, 260 De Haro St., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at a cost of \$5 per auto.

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The UCSF School of Nursing is seeking S.F. women between the ages of 40-45 to participate in a four-year observational study of physical and social changes that may affect women's health. The study will describe changes over time in the health and well-being of African-American, Mexican-American and European-American women. Volunteers must have been born in the U.S. or have lived here for at least 25 years, and must not currently be pregnant or breast feeding. For more info or to enroll call 476-4435.

The Studio/Gallery COLLAGE is holding a re-opening celebration by inviting the neighbors to stop by July 18, 6-8 p.m. to see the remodeled, repainted store at 1345 - 18th St.

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The S.F. Mime Troupe opens its free summer shows in the parks beginning with its traditional July 4 opening in Dolores Park. Performances continue there July 5, 6 and 7, at 2 p.m.

Booklovers can celebrate independent bookselling at an open air book fair, "Books By The Bay," Saturday, July 20, amid bookstore booths, author readings, live music, and a children's activity area, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on the Embarcadero adjacent to the Ferry Building at the foot of Market Street.

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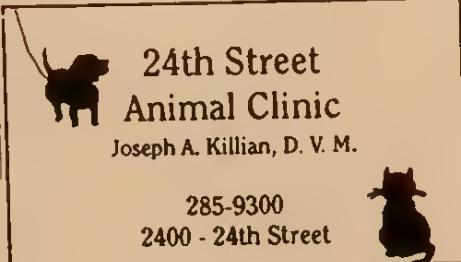
Artists and craftpersons are welcome to exhibit and sell their works at the next Potrero Hill Festival to be held October 12. An application form and other information can be acquired by calling the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 826-8080.

Publishers of "The Best Tasting Fat-Free Foods," are seeking volunteers to be on a taste test panel in a sample survey. The survey will be held at Potrero Hill Healing Arts, 1317 - 18th St. The first 15 people who call Angela at 282-0988 may be accepted to be on the panel.

The 60 plus program sponsored by the College of Extended Learning of S.F.S.U., offers opportunities for people over the age of 60 to join together to pursue new avenues of learning. The annual membership fee of \$50 includes the option to take any regular SFSU classes for no credit, attend membership meetings, and more. New members may join once each year during the months of July and August. There are no prior academic requirements for membership. For more info call Celia Sullivan, Dir. of the Urban Elders Programs, 338-2127.

The S.F. Recycling Program is looking for volunteers to help with waste prevention and recycling projects in the city. A meeting will be held July 2 and Aug. 6, 5:30 p.m., at 1145 Market St., Ste. 401. For more info call 554-3404.

Works by artist and Hill resident Margo Bors will be on exhibit at Goat Hill Pizza July 1 - Aug. 25, 300 Connecticut St. Hillers familiar with Margo's works know that her subjects are primarily botanical, in a variety of mediums.

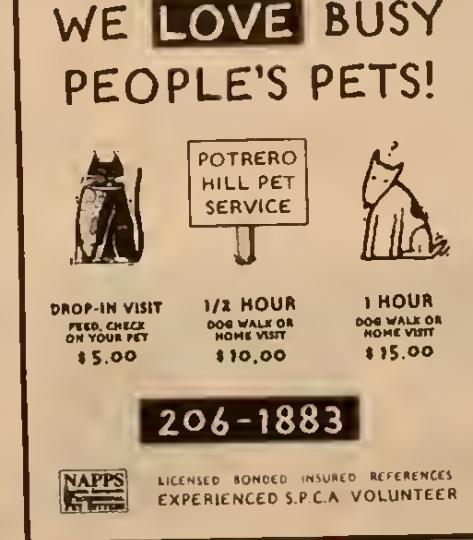


"Same Sex Swing," a series of West Coast Swing dance classes begins July 8, at Slovenian Hall at 7 p.m. Potrero Hill residents Steve Rockwell, who teaches the class, calls this a better way for gay men and women to socialize in a "positive setting." For more info call 252-9000.

Avoid weekend traffic in Golden Gate Park and get to the museums on a free shuttle from UCSF's garage. It leaves every 10 minutes from 9:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. (6:15 p.m. after July 28). There is an all-day \$3 parking fee for the garage. Visitors enter the UCSF garage at Irving Street and Second Avenue. This service is a joint effort of the de Young Museum, the Asian Art Museum, and the Academy of Sciences to alleviate traffic and parking congestion, and will continue through Dec. 29. The museums of Golden Gate Park encourage the use of public transportation and will deduct \$1 off regular admission at all three museums when valid MUNI transfer or Fast Passes are presented.

Television station KQED Ch. 9 needs the public's help in bringing the rich history of the city's Castro District to life on screen. If you have old photos, home movies, or other memorabilia that document the history of old Eureka Valley, or similar pieces, call 553-2850.

UCSF is seeking women volunteers for a bladder control study. Participants will be required to make from four to 12 clinic visits at UCSF/Mt. Zion, where medical tests will be performed. Saturday morning times will be available to accommodate working women. Volunteers will be compensated \$50 for each clinic visit and \$200 at the completion of the study. For more info and details of requirements call 885-7547.



The California Historical Society hosts a "Meet The Author" program and the Hill's Daniel Bacon is scheduled to speak and give a slide-illustration on his newly published book, "Walking San Francisco on the Barbary Coast Trail" on Thursday, July 25, at 5:30 p.m. The Society's museum is located at 678 Mission St. This program is free to the public. For more info call 357-1848.

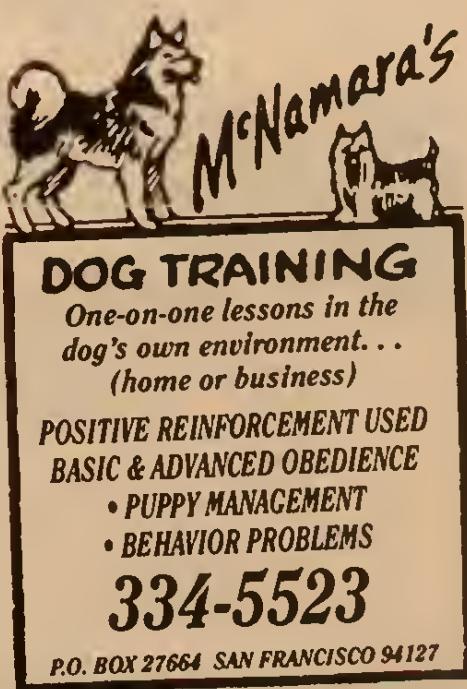
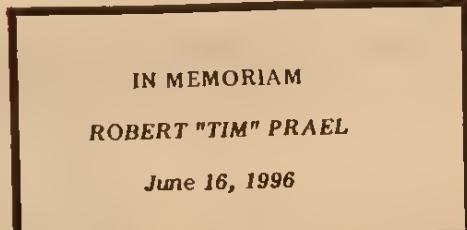
From 1910-1940, thousands of Asian immigrants passed through Angel Island to enter the U.S. known in Chinese as "Gold Mountain," and the S.F. Public Library hosts an exhibit of photomurals and text chronicling those experiences on display on the sixth floor of the library in the Skylight Gallery running through November. This exhibit complements a two-part exhibition "San Francisco: the Dimensions of Diversity," on the lower level of the library. The Asian immigrant exhibit is titled "Gateway to Gold Mountain."

San Francisco's Cable Cars are the subject of a book by Joyce Jansen. Entitled "San Francisco's Cable Cars: Riding the Rope Through Past and Present" tells the story of the colorful characters who built, ran and protected the cars. Jansen will give a talk about her book July 25 when she is the guest speaker at the S.F. History Association at The Cannery, 3rd floor, 2801 Leavenworth St. Doors open at 7 p.m., and there is an admission charge of \$5.

The American Lung Association of S.F. and San Mateo Counties hosts a week long summer camp for children ages 6-12 who suffer from asthma. The camp, located in San Bruno, begins Aug. 19 and registration deadline is July 19. The cost is \$50, but scholarships are available.

The Modern Times Bookstore hosts former Black Panther Johnny Spain reading from his book "Lori Andrews: Black Power, White Blood," Thursday, Sun. 25, 7:30 p.m. The store is located at 888 Valencia St. For more info call 282-9246.

Photographs by Martha Bruce are on exhibit at the Joseph Chowning Gallery, 1717-17th St. through July 25. Call 626-7496 for info.





In 1929 the Angeli family and neighbors posed on Tennessee and 18th Streets. In back row (left to right) are Dean Ogawa, Hector Angeli and Pete Hernandez, with Talbot McDonald, Rose Angeli, and August Angeli in front row.

Local Firm Aids Women With Hair Loss Problems

If you are a man over 30, or know men that age, you are aware that hair loss can be a bit of an ego problem. Look through the Yellow Pages under "Hair" and you will find large advertisements for establishments who claim, through a myriad of methods, to help you through this crisis.

But what about women? Hair loss in women is an equally traumatic situation, yet there seem to be fewer places for them to turn. There is a business on Potrero Hill that helps women in this situation.

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Alopecia, a disease that affects both men and women of all ages, results in a significant, if not total loss of body hair. The proprietors of Studio International, Michael Clark and Dennis Rae, work with doctors by consulting with various patients on how to use their patented Intra-Weave system with any remaining hair to achieve a natural, normal, hairstyle. They also act as consultants to several oncology departments in the area to assist in providing wigs to female cancer patients. Much of this consulting is done on a pro bono basis.

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He married his childhood neighbor, Mary Muzio, and they had 50 wonderful years together. Their children are Barbara and John; their grandchildren Audra, Adam and Mallory.

August attended St. Teresa's School on the Hill, then Lowell High. Many people came to hear him sing "Ave Maria" as a soloist at St. Teresa's Church.

In World War II, his heroic actions under fire in England saved the life of a fellow Airforce man. He was recently reacquainted with a fellow flyer after 54 years. August worked for San Francisco General Hospital for many years.

An avid hunter and sportsman, his excellent gourmet cooking was a great pleasure for his many friends and his family. August's warmth and love of people will be remembered by all who knew him.

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AT JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Hiller's "Second Coming" Echoes WWII Resistance

By Judy Baston

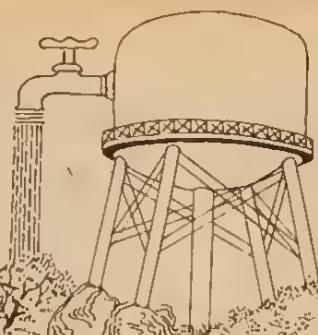
After nearly 40 years, it's hard to remember whether it was by accident or design that, as a young teenager in the 1950s, I saw the film "Underground" on television. Released in 1941, this sentimental, in fact, downright corny, B-film told about a German family in which one brother was a soldier, the other the voice of the anti-fascist underground radio, and the two argue throughout the film. Although the resistance forces evade capture for most of the film, in the end their spokesman is caught, and as he stands before a firing squad, he hears his now anti-Fascist brother's voice over the loudspeaker vowing that the work of the resistance will go on. I cried for hours.

This film by Vincent Sherman — with Philip Dorn and Jeffrey Lynn (remember them, everybody?) — caught my imagination despite its obvious weaknesses, and for years I looked in vain for television listings of a repeat showing. Also in vain were inquiries among my friends, of just about every generation, about whether they had ever seen this film that made such an impression on me. Not a one remembered it.

So imagine how stunned I was while previewing "The Second Coming," Potrero Hill filmmaker Jack Walsh's entry in the current Jewish Film Festival. In an America of the not-too-far-future that has been taken over by the ultra-right Christian fundamentalists who call themselves the Allied Forces of God (AFG), a group of young people gather, dreaming of resistance, and the young protagonist begins to recall the film, "Underground."

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"I believe people can be made better by what they hear and who they love," he says. And after all these years, I remembered why that old film had meant so much to me; because I believed then, and still do, in the power of the word, written and spoken, in the power of ideas, to cut through — at least a bit — all the irrationalities that plague our world.

Walsh lived on the Hill from 1979 to 1986, moved away for three years, and has now lived on Vermont Street for the last six. He noted that the title of his film was indeed taken from William Butler Yeats' poem, "The Second Coming," which speaks of a time in which "the center cannot hold," and "the worst are filled with great intensity."

Thinking that "few are more dispossessed than a gay, bi-racial, poor teenager," Walsh creates Carlos as his protagonist. Carlos befriends Ben, who is Jewish and another "outsider" in a youth culture dominated by young rightists. Their circle widens to include a young African American woman and others who commit to making underground tapes against the AFG. The film often seems futuristic and moves loosely between narrative and documentary, using and playing with found images from history. But even though it may not be the usual cinematic fare of this unabashedly middle-aged writer, it held me, much as the original "Underground" had done, and the black-and-white print gave an eerie sense of verisimilitude, occasionally echoing the repression of the 1950s at the same time it suggested the future.

As well as being an independent filmmaker himself, Walsh since 1992 has been Series Producer of the Living Room Festival, an annual 13-part television series of independently produced films and video that airs on KQED-Channel 9. "The Second Coming" has shown at the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Film Festival and the San Francisco Cinematheque, and is slated for



Young people of different backgrounds join together to resist a right wing fundamentalist takeover in "The Second Coming."

Jewish Film Festival screening at the Castro Theatre Saturday, July 20 at 10:30 p.m.

It is — and is not — a Jewish film/gay film/political film/young people's film. Which brings us, in essence, to the Jewish Film Festival itself, whose 50 films and videos from 12 different countries, also reflect vastly different extents to which they are — or are not — what one might call "Jewish films."

As a case in point, although muck-racker George Seldes grew up in a Russian-Jewish immigrant colony in Alliance, N.J., it is questionable just how much his Jewish identity informed his career as a journalist and as a critic of journalism itself. Seldes' story and that of his times are told compellingly in "Tell the Truth and Run: George Seldes and the American Press." Interviews with Seldes at age 95 are interwoven with other footage; Seldes died last year at the age of 104. For those who missed this film at the recent San Francisco Film Festival, it can be seen at the Castro on Thursday, July 25 at 6 p.m.

Kicking off the Festival on Thursday, July 18 at the Castro will be "Not Everybody's Lucky Enough to Have Had Communist Parents," Jean-Jacques Zilberman's comic look at a French women's misadventures with the Red Army Choir in the late 1950s.

Among other films that provide unique glimpses of particular facets of Jewish history are "Shtick, Shmaltz and Stereotypes: Jewish Presence in Early Film Comedy (1912-1940)," July 21 at 2:15 p.m. at the Castro; a national premiere of "Expulsion & Memory: Descendants of Hidden Jews," July 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Castro; and "Carpati: 50 Miles, 50 Years," a documentary look at the relations between Jews and Gypsies living in the mountains of the Ukraine.

The Festival is also featuring a number of films dealing with the peace process in the Middle East. "This year's festival," organizers note, "is dedicated to the courageous citizens of all beliefs who look beyond the conflict toward the possibilities of coexistence."

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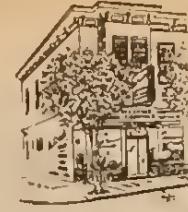
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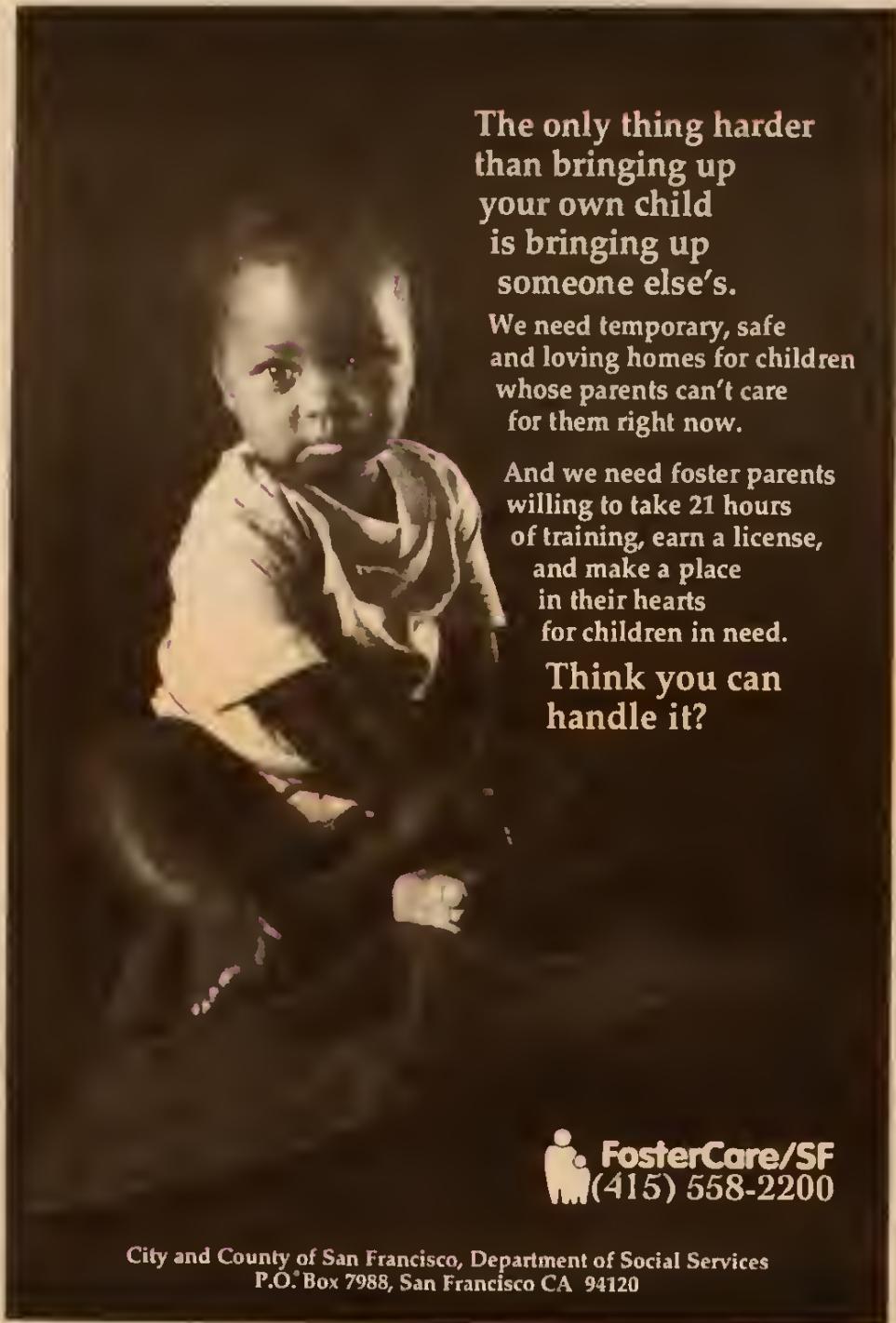
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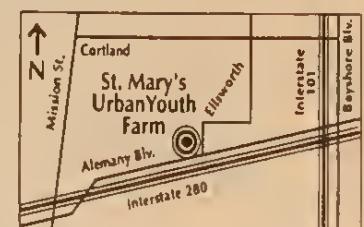
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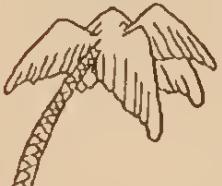
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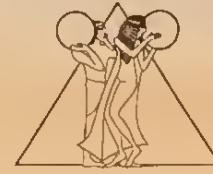
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